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Re: Health Officer Order to Maintain Evacuations, Fruitland Fire Incident

On June 14th, 2016, a fire at Panda International Trading Co. located at 3570 Fruitland Ave., Maywood, CA 90270 erupted and involved the vaporization of toxic combustible metals that were released into the air and settled on the ground on adjacent properties as fire ash. There are approximately 17 residential properties that are located immediately adjacent to or in close proximity of the industrial facility and these residences were mandatorily evacuated in response to the fire. Several of these homes, all which remain unoccupied, were visibly damaged by the incident and fire ash was observed on the properties. The presence of the fire ash evidences that potentially hazardous conditions exist on these properties that preclude their safe reoccupation before testing and/or clean-up is completed. Accordingly, in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 101040, the County of Los Angeles Health Officer hereby orders that these properties must remain unoccupied pending further assessment and clean-up as needed or other risk-mitigation measures are completed. Temporary access may be granted on a case-by-case basis for retrieval of essential items such as medications. These entries must be approved and supervised by a representative from the Unified Command.

The list of properties subject to this Health Officer Order is maintained by the Fruitland Fire Incident Unified Command, and is subject to modification based on the findings of continuing assessment efforts. This order remains in effect unless amended or rescinded by the County of Los Angeles Health Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Gunzenhauser MD".

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